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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble, the President, (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, K. Ashtamurthi Nambudiripad, C. K. Nayar, T. P. Poulose, K. R. Ramakrishnan, S. S. Koder and H. J. Wamsley were absent.

Mr. President: A few minutes after the House adjourned yesterday afternoon I received the sad news of the death of His Highness the Elayaraja. I am sure that I should be interpreting the wishes of the Hon'ble Members correctly if as a mark of respect we adjourn this morning's session. I, therefore, declare the House adjourned now until 2-30 p.m. this afternoon.

The House adjourned at 11-33 a.m. and re-assembled at 2-30 p.m. with the Hon'ble President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES IN THE STATE

215. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have the Industries Department made any investigation of the possibilities of any cottage industry in the State;

(*b*) what are the proposals of the Government regarding cottage industries;

(*c*) what are the achievements of the Government regarding cottage industries?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No detailed survey has been conducted so far regarding the several cottage industries of the State which are many and varied, although for administrative purposes the Department has been collecting certain statistics relating to the industries which can only be approximate. The Assistant Director of Industries is now conducting a survey of the several industries one by one.

(*b*) The Government are endeavouring to develop the existing cottage industries of the State.—

(1) By organising them as far as possible on co-operative lines.

(2) By financing them by—

i. Giving loans.

ii. Giving grants.

& iii. Giving subsidies.

(3) By giving the industrial societies paid secretaries, by deputing industrial assistants to these societies, etc.

(4) By training up a large number of students in the Industrial Schools.

(5) By introducing new industries by

i. Inviting experts from outside.

ii. Sending out persons to outside places for training.

(6) By organising an Industrial Centre at Cherpu where more than a dozen cottage industries will be worked.

(7) By conducting the necessary research in cottage industries for which a Research Officer has been appointed.

(8) By patronising the industries by direct purchase by Government of the products as in the case of slates, cloths, etc. for Depressed Classes pupils.

(9) By supplying raw materials at concession rates as in the case of timber to Carpenters' Society, Cherpu, etc.

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(10) By helping the industrialists to find out good markets for their products.

i. By advertisement.

ii. By participating in exhibitions.

iii. By organising an Industrial and Commercial Museum at Trichur.

iv. By organising a Central Marketing Society which will in due course appoint sales depots and trade agents outside the State.

(c) In view of the answers given under (*b*) no separate answers are necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether in these items 1 to 10 under clause (b) anything material has been achieved by the Government?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* All these things are being done now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know from that answer any particular thing that has been accomplished as yet?

Mr. President: Order, order. If the Hon'ble Member will look at the first part of the answer to clause (b), he will see that the Government are endeavouring to develop the existing cottage industries. While endeavours to develop are going on, it is early to look for results.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What are the endeavours that are being made?

Mr. President: That is given in the answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What are the existing cottage industries of the State referred to in answer (b)?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I can only enumerate some. It will not be exhaustive. Weaving, mat-making, carpentry, bell-metal, paper-making, smithy, bamboo-making, basket-making, slate-making. I hope the Hon'ble Member will be satisfied.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know with reference to 5 (1), whether anything has been done. Has any expert been invited as yet?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, we have just invited an expert to go into the question of the introduction of sericulture in the State and we are expecting that expert shortly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to sub-section (2) of clause 5 may I know whether any one has been sent?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Our paper expert is just proceeding to Bezwada and Mysore just to study the making of hand-made paper.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to sub-section (6) of clause (b) may I know Sir, whether anything has been started there.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Half a dozen industries have already been started, and before the exhibition which is coming next week I think a dozen industries will be started.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to clase (7) has this research officer done anything, Sir, as yet by conducting research.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have been able to appoint him very recently.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know who the Officer is?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* He is by name one Hariharan, who has had training at Madaras for some time and who was the Headmaster of the Industrial School at Irinjalakuda. He is an expert in dying and other subjects.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With reference to last clause (10) "by helping the industrialists to find out good market for their products," can any of the achievements under that head be given out if there have been achievements?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The marketing society has been advertising for articles produced in our State which were marketed through that Society. Exhibitions have been held for the past so many years. This year also we are having an exhibition at the industrial centre next week. The Industrial Museum we were not able to start at Trichur for want of a proper place. But it will be done immediately, and the marketing society is being carried on.

Mr. V. K. Bhashkara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the marketing society has not a depot at Trichur?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is in Trichur.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Government have gone into the question whether the price of the products at the depot compares favourably with the price of articles available at other shops.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : This particular question was not gone into because there was no opportunity to do it. There is no dearh of sale.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : With reference to the last answer (10) (1) "by advertisement", have the advertisements produced good results? Have markets been found and articles of our cottage industries successfully sold? I do not want an exhaustive list please.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I think so.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)* : May I know Sir, whether there is any propaganda officer attached to this society?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Not at present.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : With reference to clause 4, Sir if possible I want to know under this programme how many more students than before have been already admitted and trained by now?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I can say with reference to the past two years. The strength is deteriorating.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: That indeed is very curious, Sir, One of the process of industrialisation of cottage industries is the training up of a large number of students. In the light of the answer it is not anything conducive to improvement.

Mr. President: Is the Hon'ble Member asking a question?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : I think it so, Sir.

Mr. President : I thought the Hon'ble Member was commenting on the Minister's answer.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : പ്രോപ്പഗൻറീസ്റ്റായിട്ട വല്ലവരേയും നിയമിക്കുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്ന ആലോചനയുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. കെ. നായർ : ഇപ്പോഠം ആലോചനയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ. പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ : കുടിൽ വ്യവസായത്തിന്നു് ആവശ്യമുള്ള ഉപകരണങ്ങളും ശേഖരിക്കുവാനും വിതരണം ചെയ്യുവാനും ഏർപ്പെട്ടത്തീട്ടുള്ള പരസ്പരസഹായ സംഘങ്ങളിൽ കുടിൽ വ്യവസായത്തിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ആളുകളുടെ വകയായിട്ടുള്ള വല്ല സംഘങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. കെ. നായർ : ഇന്ന നടക്കുന്ന പരസ്പരസഹായ സംഘങ്ങളിൽ മിക്കതും ഈ തരത്തിലുള്ള വ്യവസായത്തിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരുടേതാണു്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : With reference to clause (2) of (b) "by financing them by giving loans etc." what, Sir, is the experience of Government under these 3 different heads? May I know Sir, whether that has been a success or otherwise?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)* : I raise a point of order.

Mr. President: Order. Order. There is no point of order.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I confine my question to sub-clause (1) under (2).

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : It has been found successful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Then the next, giving grants?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The present policy is not to give grants in this connection.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : So that is given up?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Not wholly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : Giving subsidies? Sir, what about that?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: We are giving subsidies to some extent.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May we know, Sir, which are the cases where subsidies have been granted?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : In the case of weaving Khadder, weavers at the outset for the first 2 or 3 months were not able to earn as much as they were getting before. So one or two societies raised this complaint and Government naturally came to their help and gave them some subsidy for the first two or three months, just in the initial stages so that they may pick up work.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : May we take it Sir, that the subsidies have been conducive to keep them in the trade?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*; Oh, yes. After 3 months we stopped and they continued this work.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)*: With the kind leave of the Hon'ble President may I raise a point of order. My point of order is that having put supplementary question on sub-division (10) the Hon'ble Member has no right to go again to sub-division (2).

Mr. President : Order, order. That is no point of order.

Mr. M. Krishnan Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether it will not be conducive in the interests of cottage industries to set apart a definite time in schools to imbibe certain ideas of cottage industries in the minds of young children.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: I am not very clear in my mind about the scope of the question. Is it the position of the Hon'ble Member that vocational education should be introduced in schools?

Mr. M. Krishnan Menon *(Trichur-North)*: To imbibe ideas about the industries.

Mr. President : Order, order. I am very doubtful whether this arises as a supplementary question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With reference to sub clause (1) of clause (*b*) "by organising them as far as possible on co-opreative lines" has anything been done and what is their experience?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: As far as the Government can say from the experience we had, it is a success.

HILL PADDY LANDS LEASED

216. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there any extent of land cleaned for the Hill Paddy Cultivation not applied for to be leased;

(*b*) what do the Government propose to do with the unapplied for areas;

(*c*) have the attention of the Government been drawn to the Leader in the "Gomathi", dated 28th Dhanu 1119 regarding the lease of Hill Paddy areas;

(*d*) have the Government done anything on the lines of the said Leader?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer given to (*a*) no answer is necessary.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Leader of 28th Dhanu 1119 in the "Gomathi" does not deal with the lease of Hill Paddy areas.

HILL PADDY—PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

217. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*:

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമൊ.—

(എ) ഫ ഫ ഫവു-ൽ ഹിൽ പാഡി സ്കീമിൽ നിയമിതരായ യൂണിറ്റ് കമാണ്ടർമാർ, സൂപ്രവൈസർമാർ, സർദാർമാർ, എന്നിവർ ആരെല്ലാമായിരുന്നുവെന്നും അവരുടെ ജാതി, വയസ്സു്, പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതകൾ, മുൻഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സർവ്വീസ്സിൽ ഉള്ളവരാണെങ്കിൽ അവരുടെ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടു് സർവ്വീസ്സിലുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ശമ്പളം, ഹിൽ പാഡി സ്കീമിൽ കൊടുത്തുവരുന്ന ശമ്പളം ഇവകൾ എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമൊ;

(ബി) ഇവരിൽ ആരെങ്കിലും, ഹാജരില്ലാത്ത കൂലിക്കാരുടെ ഹാജർ മാർക്കുചെയ്തതായൊ മറ്റു വല്ല കൃത്രിമം ചെയ്തതായൊ സൂപ്രണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടൊ;

(സി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവർ ആരെല്ലാമാണെന്നും അവരുടെ മേൽ എന്തെല്ലാം നടപടികൾ ആണു് എടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നും പറയാമോ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(എ) ഇതെല്ലാം കാണിക്കുന്നതായ ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് മേശപ്പുറത്തു് വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

(ബി) ഉണ്ടു്.

(സി) ഫ. കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ, മുപ്ലിയം ഡാംബ്ലോക്കിലെ സൂപ്രവൈസർ ഹാജരാകാത്ത കൂലിക്കാർക്കു് ഹാജർ മാർക്കുചെയ്യുന്നതിനു അയാളെ സസ്പെണ്ടിൽ നിർത്തി. ആ കൂലിക്കാരുടെ കൂലി ഇയാളുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽനിന്നും പിടിച്ചു് ഒടുവിൽ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽനിന്നും പറഞ്ഞയച്ചു.

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